

A2 23. (Amended) The barrier of claim 1, wherein the root-impenetrable layer is impervious to UV radiation.

A3 50. (Amended) The barrier of claim 49, wherein the porous fabric has a weight per square yard of between 4 and 6 ounces.

A4 55. (Amended) The barrier of claim 49, wherein the porous fabric is bonded onto a polyethylene sheet by a method selected from gluing, laminating and combinations thereof.

56. (Amended) The barrier of claim 49, wherein *unclear - doesn't associated w/element* a polyethylene sheet has a thickness between 2 and 10 mils.

A5 61. (Amended) The barrier of claim 57, wherein the porous fabric layer has a weight per square yard of between 2 and 10 ounces.

62. (Amended) The barrier of claim 57, wherein the porous fabric layer has a weight per square yard of between 4 and 6 ounces.

#### REMARKS

Claims 5,6,23,50,55,56,61,62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Each of these claims has been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicant regards as the invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1,2,4,8-11, 29, 30,33,42,44,46,48,63 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Reiger, U.S. Patent No, 5,768,825. Reiger discloses a plant preservation and growth control bag. (Reiger, Abstract.) Reiger further discloses, "the tapered side is essential"